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With pride weeks now underway across the country, Metro Canada is taking a look at the state of same-sex marriages. Over the next five days, we will look at same-sex marriage in Canada, the United States and around the world and introduce you to people who have gotten married, or plan to tie the knot.

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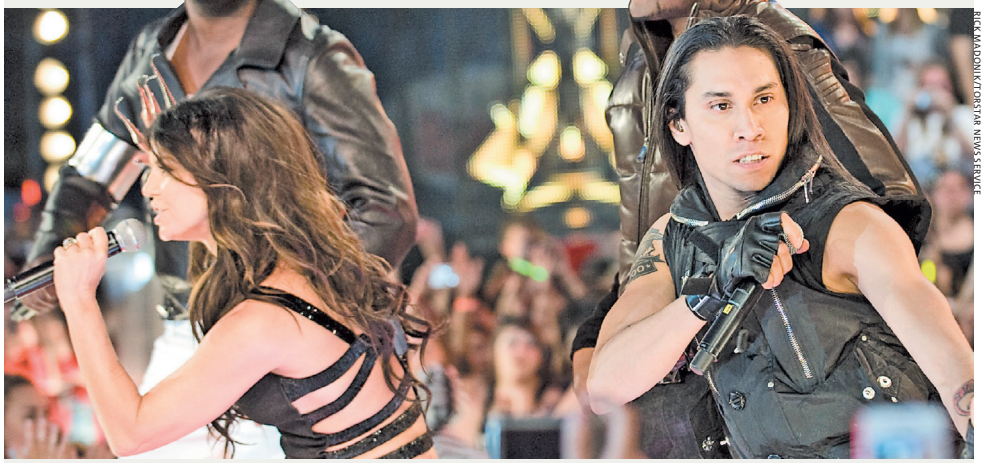

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The Black Eyed Peas perform at the MuchMusic Video Awards on Queen Street last night. The Peas won for Best International Video by a group but it was Canadian rockers Nickelback who were the big winners on the evening, taking home three awards.

More coverage on page 24

Vital contributions

Masad Yusuf being honoured for his work with refugees

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When Masad Yusuf left war-torn Somalia in 1981 for a better life in Canada, little did the then-teenager know he would end up devoting his life's work to helping thousands of other people just like him, arriving as scared refugees, not knowing a word of English.

"We have to teach them the simplest things, like what a traffic light is or how to turn on a tap," he says of facilitating their integration into Canadian society.

A soft-spoken man with a heartwarming smile, today, Yusuf is the executive director of Toronto's Midaynta Community Services, a non-profit organization providing settlement and support services — such as housing and job training — to refugees and immigrants, the majority of whom are Somali.

When an influx of Somali refugees began arriving in Toronto in the late 1980s, Canadian immigration approached Yusuf, who by then had mastered English and was a Ryerson student, to provide translation services. Over the next few years, he had more and more such requests to help with landing and citizenship forms at all hours.

"You have a mother and her kids saying 'we have a hearing with immigration tomorrow and we need you to help us.' You can't say no," says Yusuf.

As the '90s arrived and civil war broke out in Somalia, Yusuf helped set up nine Somali agencies throughout the GTA, eventually landing at Midaynta, where, today he is integral to helping newcomers cope with the bureaucratic requirements of citizenship.

"The need in the Somali community is so huge," he says. "Trust is a big issue. This is a community that's been going through civil war. We say that trust is like a piece of hair. You cut it, it's hard to put back together."

Currently, Yusuf is trying to unite all the Somali community services under one entity to strengthen their effectiveness as a whole.

As a result of his nearly 20 years of commitment to helping newcomers to Canada, Yusuf was recently named a Vital Person for 2009 by the Toronto Community Foundation, and tomorrow morning he will be awarded a $5,000 grant which he plans to use for leadership training courses at York University and the University of Toronto.

"With this work, you sometimes feel like nobody acknowledges you. I'm honoured to be acknowledged like this," he says of the grant.

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Pouya (no last name given) after he delivered his speech yesterday to hundreds of Iranians gathered at Queen's Park.

Locals rally for friends back home

QUEENS PARK Nightly since the pro-democracy protests first gripped Tehran, cries of "God is great" have risen from the city's darkened rooftops.

But Pouya, a 26-year-old student activist from Tehran who is helping to mobilize Iranian anger in Toronto, says his friends in the Iranian capital have been hearing the streets echo with different cries after dusk lately.

As pro-government militias force their way inside protesters' homes, neighbours are shrieking, "Don't come in!" he describes.

Pouya, who would only give his first name, is terrified.

"My friends, colleagues, they're just getting killed," he says.

The Iranian-Canadian community numbers almost 60,000 in the GTA.

Hundreds of members from the community rallied at Queen's Park yesterday to draw attention to the growing situation in Iran.

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Caught on camera?
A downtown fistfight that sent a man to hospital with life-threatening injuries might have been recorded on a cellphone camera. The fight happened shortly before 7:30 p.m. Saturday, when two men squared off outside the Pickle Barrel Restaurant at Yonge and Dundas streets. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Tamil student to be extradited

A University of Waterloo student has lost his appeal to avoid extradition to the United States on charges he supported the Tamil Tigers terrorist group. The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that Ramanan Mylvaganam, left, who is in his early 30s and from Malton, very likely knew he was assisting the group.
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These results are not official.

Toronto the rotten?

Toronto appeared headed for another messy, smelly garbage strike like it had in 2002 as little progress was reported yesterday in talks to reach a deal before a midnight deadline.

Without new contracts, about 24,000 city workers in Toronto were ready to walk off the job at 12:01 a.m. today.

Both sides said they wanted to avert job action, but Mark Ferguson, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 416, which represents outside workers, said he wasn't hopeful as the two sides were far apart.

The outstanding issues for the outside workers included sick leave, seniority and recall rights in the event of layoffs.

Contracts for the two locals expired Dec. 31. A media blackout was lifted yesterday, but the city declined to discuss much.

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A pedestrian covers her face from the smell of piled garbage as she waits to cross the street in Toronto in this July 2002 file photo.

Toronto services that will grind to a halt if a deal isn't reached

- Curbside residential garbage, recycling and green bin collection would be cancelled. Residents are asked to store their garbage for the first week. Drop-off locations will be announced if a strike goes beyond five days.
- Parks would be open for casual use, but without maintenance. All parks and rec programming would be cancelled, including summer camps, classes, drop-ins and lessons.
- City golf courses, wading and swimming pools, fitness and community centres would be closed. All city programming in school pools would be cancelled.
- All 57 city-run daycare centres would be closed.
- Island ferry service would be cancelled. (Island airport ferry service would continue.)
- No new permits issued.
- Permits for wedding photos would be cancelled. Wedding facilities at East York, Scarborough and York civic centres would be closed.

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School-system bias cuts tech institute

EDUCATION The fall of Timothy Eaton Business and Technical Institute says much about our muddled view of the trades workers we're so short of: We need them, we love watching them — Holmes on Homes! — but heaven forbid our kid would want to be one.

"There's been a bias in the school system that perpetuates the myth you're only safe if you go to college or university," says Vera Taylor, who oversees a pilot project at the Toronto District School Board to bring skilled training in from the cold.

For three years, industry pumped in money and tools to the project.

Still, Timothy Eaton could not attract more students from its highly immigrant neighbourhood where few seemed to have heard about the program

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Police seek man after weekend sex assault

Police are searching for a suspect after a woman was sexually assaulted outside her Humber Valley apartment. The woman was walking to her home in the Kingsway and Anglesey Boulevard area around 6 p.m. Friday when a man approached her from behind, police said. She broke free and the man fled. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ribfest **Celebrating the barbecue**

ROBIN RAYFIELD/FOR METRO TORONTO

Metro winners from Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver competed in the Napoleon cook off at the first annual Beach Ribfest in Woodbine Park yesterday. Steve Bierbrier and Daphne Gilbert from Ottawa won the grand prize valued at $10,000, including a Napoleon Grill. Pictured from left: Metro Vancouver winners Peter and Lily Cao, winners Bierbrier and Gilbert; Metro Toronto winners David Folton, Damian and Claudia Ezquivel; and Metro Halifax winners Mark and Glenn Sutherland.

Poorest kids no better off

Welfare restructuring means not all will see full benefit

As a single parent on welfare with a teenager, Carrier will see just $3 extra as a direct result of the $92-per-recipient provincial benefit, according to the Income Security Advocacy Centre, which has calculated the changes.

About 1.3 million children in low-income families are to receive at least $50 per month starting in July when the Ontario Child Benefit jumps from its current limit as a result of the province's decision to speed up implementation of the initiative to help families during the recession.

Families on welfare and provincial disability support will see the full $92 benefit for each child under age 18 when their federal child benefit cheque arrives next month. But welfare rate restructuring and cuts to the families' basic needs allowances means many children will receive much less.

However, provincial officials have said every child on welfare will receive at least a $50 increase.

Many families will get more, acknowledged Sarah Blackstock, the advocacy centre's director. "But it's totally irrational. In some cases you are better off by significant amounts of money because you have a sibling or because you have two parents instead of one," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Michele Carrier, pictured in her apartment, is one of many welfare recipients who won't see the full $50 benefit promised by the Ontario government to help the poorest kids in the province.

Family disputes cop's story of shooting

FATALITY Peel police say Baden Willcocks died during a soured drug deal, but that's a tale his mother refuses to believe.

"That's not the son I knew," Tammy Willcocks told the Toronto Star as family continued to grieve his slaying in a Brampton park Friday night.

The 15-year-old died from a single gunshot wound, possibly from a sawed-off shotgun, after he and friends went to meet other young people in a park behind Earnscliffe Public School shortly before 9 p.m.

Police say it appears Baden wasn't directly involved in the drug deal.

But that's cold comfort to Willcocks, who said she's "furious" police have floated that story without telling family any details first. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

ART FLEET Our streets just got a bit of a cultural boost. Today marks the launch of the Art on the Move project, a small fleet of vehicles swathed in works created by local artists. The local artists are teamed up with community organizations to create a design that is digitally transferred to vinyl and applied to a vehicle. Three are being officially unveiled today. The plan is to have 15 on the road in three years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Tire flies into truck
A transport-truck driver escaped with scrapes and cuts after a tire smashed through his windshield on Highway 401 Friday. The Montreal man was in the westbound express lanes near Yonge Street about 11 a.m., when the tire came through his windshield. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

950 schoolgirls run to give girls chance

Annual program raises cash for charities

HEATHER BUCHAN
For Metro Canada

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Despite the ominous skies and rain, they came in droves — 950 young girls, that is, in Grades 3 to 8, from 31 schools around Simcoe County. After all, come rain or shine, this past Saturday was a day for these girls to celebrate themselves.

Called Girls on the Run Celebration 5K, the event, held in Earl Rowe Provincial Park in Alliston, was the culmination of 10 weeks of personal discovery and growth for these pre-adolescents in the midst of one of the most insecure stages in life.

"It's not competitive," explains Ann Jackson, Girls on the Run council director for Simcoe County. "It's just a reward for all their hard work."

The hard work Jackson is referring to is the curriculum-based program, now in its eighth year in Canada, these girls took part in at their respective schools. The program takes place in other regions around the country, too.

"We conduct lessons on everything from body image and eating disorders to building self-esteem," explains Jackson. The program also puts a huge emphasis on healthy living, with fun running activities scattered throughout the curriculum, the culmination of which is the annual 5 km celebration event.

Proceeds from the registration fees for the final run go to a different charity every year. And this year, they chose to give 10 per cent to Give Girls a Chance — a Canadian charity that provides educational opportunities to girls and young women at home and abroad — to benefit other girls who haven't had the same opportunities as them.

Maxine Crook, who's volunteered with the Give Girls a Chance since its inception seven years ago, is elated by the gesture. "These young girls decided they wanted to help other girls who weren't as lucky as they are," she says.

In a show of support, Crook made the drive from Toronto to Alliston for Saturday's event to cheer on all the participants.

"If you want to do good and make a difference in this world, support a girl. The statistics show that you educate a girl, she educates her children and so on," says Crook. "It's quite amazing."

Just before the run started, Jackson presented Crook with a $600 cheque.

Life's a beach **First official day of summer**

PAWEL DWULIT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jeff Bokor, 32 rides a skim board in a large puddle at Woodbine Beach in Toronto on the first official day of summer yesterday. Environment Canada predicts the temperatures will stay in the mid- to high 20s into next weekend. Some rain could interrupt this sunny streak Thursday.

City gets provincial cash for streetcars

FUNDING Toronto got the $416-million funding commitment it was seeking from the provincial government Friday to help build a new fleet of modern streetcars, but a matching pledge from the federal government never materialized as hoped.

Premier Dalton McGuinty and Mayor David Miller visited a Bombardier plant in Thunder Bay to announce the plan to build 204 sleek transit vehicles now has two-thirds of the funding it needs to go ahead and just lacks a federal contribution.

Federal Transportation and Infrastructure Minister John Baird has insisted the streetcar project doesn't qualify for Ottawa's stimulus program.

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Alberta woman convicted in death of newborn

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Online profiles growing

A new study from Ipsos Reid shows a dramatic increase in the number of Canadians who have a profile on an online social network. In 18 months the percentage of people with a profile has increased from 39 per cent to 56 per cent. These are some of the findings from Social Networking: 2009, a new study conducted and released by Ipsos Reid. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Flap over B.C. search team suit unwarranted: Lawyer

LAWSUIT The lawyer for a Quebec man who barely survived being lost for nine days in the B.C. backcountry and watched his wife die in the ordeal says she's surprised by the level of animosity being thrust toward her client.

A Google search for Gilles Blackburn can turn up images in which he's depicted as a clown, and postings in which he's called a wide assortment of names and urged never to come back to B.C.

The venomous comments follow Blackburn's decision to sue RCMP, the province, a resort, and the search-and-rescue squad in Golden, B.C., alleging they were negligent in not responding to the SOS signals he stamped in the snow begging for help last February.

"Golden Search and Rescue and RCMP heard (Gilles Blackburn and wife Marie Josee-Fortin's) cries for help and they did nothing."
Nancy Wilhelm-Morden

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, Blackburn's lawyer, said the public appears to have lost sight of who the victim is in this case.

"I think it's important that people be reminded who's being sued here and why," Wilhelm-Morden said.

"Golden Search and Rescue and the RCMP heard (Blackburn and wife Marie Josee-Fortin's) cries for help and they did nothing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The realities of gay marriage

A look at how legal status impacts those who tie the knot

MAUREEN LITTLEJOHN
for Metro Canada

It has been four years since same-sex marriage was made legal across Canada and six years since it was legalized in Ontario and British Columbia.

The battle to pass Bill C-38 was a triumph for Canada's gay population, but how many people have actually tied the knot? And for those who have, how has legal status impacted their lives?

Chris Higgins, 54, married her partner Chris Phibbs, 50, at a Gay Pride Eve party they threw at their Toronto home in 2005.

"I needed to confirm our relationship officially with my friends and family," she said. The couple's family includes a son who was adopted in 1995.

"All steps taken in the interest of equality are important. Gay marriage cemented the right to be equal in the eyes of the law in all aspects of our lives," she noted.

For some people the right to marry is a partial victory. Clayton Chrusch, 33, wed Michael Reid, 32, at a bed and breakfast in Dundas, Ont., in October 2003. Shortly after the wedding, they moved to Hawaii where Reid had been offered a job.

Their marriage wasn't recognized in the United States, however, and Chrusch's status was that of a tourist with no health care or job prospects. In 18 months they were back in Canada.

"Same-sex marriage in Canada is no guarantee that gay people can live their lives without unjust restrictions," Chrusch said.

The 2006 census counted 7,500 same-sex married couples. However, there was concern about the wording on the form that requested same-sex couples mark an "other" box rather than the "married" box.

Egale Canada, an advocacy group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered rights, stated many of its members had chosen not to complete the census in protest.

Canadians for Equal Marriage, a now defunct advocacy organization, reported there had been 12,438 same-sex marriage licences issued in Canada from 2003-2005.

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In Toronto

- Toronto's City Hall confirmed that 5,603 same-sex marriage licences have been issued since 2003. Some of those went to non-residents.

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Ignatieff seeks help for Iranians

AID Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff wants the Canadian Embassy in Tehran to help those injured in the Iranian government's crackdown, but Foreign Affairs says it can only offer refuge to people in exceptional circumstances.

Ignatieff released a statement condemning Iran's use of violence to stifle dissent by protesters contesting the results of the Iranian presidential election.

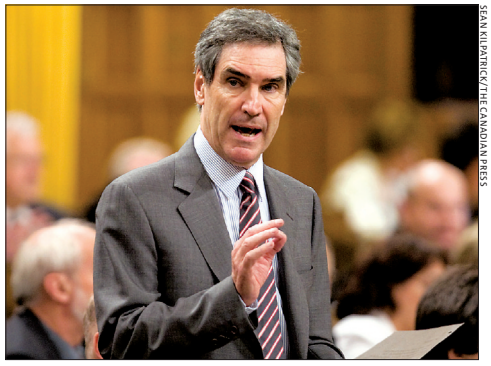
The New York-based International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran says scores of injured demonstrators needed medical treatment and some of them had sought refuge at foreign embassies.

There were conflicting reports about whether the Canadian Embassy had turned away people or accepted some of them.

But Foreign Affairs spokesperson Simone MacAndrew said the embassy was closed Saturday.

"Canada does not offer asylum to individuals in its embassies abroad," she said.

"However, in exceptional cases, where an individual is in the embassy and seeks temporary refuge because of an immediate threat of injury or death, temporary safe haven has ... been provided." THE CANADIAN PRESS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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has called on the Canadian Embassy in Tehran to help those hurt in Iran's recent crackdown.

Journalist held

- Newsweek magazine says a Canadian journalist working for the magazine, identified as Maziar Bahari, has been "detained without charge" in Iran. It has called on the Iranian government to release him immediately.

News in brief

WINDSOR The mayor of Windsor says he will accept a new mediator to help resolve a nearly 10-week-old strike if the union agrees the labour talk will pick up where it left off. Negotiations in the city's civic strike were called off Thursday after the union walked away from the bargaining table over information leaked to the media.

LONDON The City of London's parks and recreation department is proposing changes to procedures around how children leave day camps and drop-in playground programs in response to the April disappearance and murder of Victoria Stafford.

SUDBURY A man in his 20s is facing multiple charges after a car hit and killed three teenagers walking along the side of a road in Sudbury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Double murder in B.C.
Two males are dead and another person has been rushed to hospital in what appears to be a double murder in a Surrey, B.C., home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians weary of school system: Poll

As young people prepare to don caps and gowns this month and take the stage to grab their diplomas, Canadians confess a certain skepticism about the value of an education in this country.

Nearly half of the Canadians polled in a recent Harris-Decima survey said they feel Canada's educational system does not adequately prepare young people for work in the modern economy.

Younger Canadians, between the ages of 18-34, are more likely to say it is up to snuff than older respondents.

Alberta's worry

- Albertans are most pessimistic about the system — 52 per cent say they find it inadequate.

Confidence is the hallmark of the so-called "Generation Y," which is now hitting graduation age, says Harris-Decima vice-president Jeff Walker.

When asked to grade different levels of education, Canadians gave high school the lowest marks.

Only 37 per cent felt high school did "very well" or well at preparing young people for the workforce.

Walker said that affected how Canadians see the education system overall.

"What it shows us is that if people perceive that there is even one weak link the system, they really worry that the system isn't necessarily getting Canada or Canadians to where they need to be."

The response was more favourable to graduate schools, where 62 per cent thought they were doing well at giving young Canadians the skills and abilities they needed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec **Funeral for a fallen soldier**

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Residents watch the hearse bearing Private Alexandre Peloquin, who was killed in Afghanistan, head to church down the main street of Brownsburg-Chatham, Que. on Saturday.

News in brief

ABORTION Just days after the Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear Donald David Spratt's constitutional challenge against abortion clinic security zones, he's been charged in Vancouver with protesting in one of those zones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nursing shortage in Halifax revealed

NURSING Nurses who filed workload reports at Halifax-area hospitals last year complained of "unsafe" situations for patients caused by a shortage of nurses, including one case where an unattended patient yanked out his intravenous tubes.

The Workload Situation Reports describe staffing levels at half their normal level in 2008.

In 34 reports, there were 17 instances when nurses were assigned between 10-12 patients. The normal ratio is four or five patients per nurse on the units involved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flu could hit harder in future

Flu **Outbreak**

H1N1 The pandemic that hit like a cyclone but mellowed to a cool breeze could still take the world by storm.

That's why it's crucial, in the relatively present calm, to soak up lessons from the on-going swine flu situation, say speakers at a disaster management conference taking place in Toronto this week.

"There's a belief we missed the bullet, which is a little unnerving," said Regina Phelps, founder of consulting company Emergency Management and Safety Solutions.

If seasonal flu strikes this fall as expected, there's also potential for a more vicious second wave of illness and deaths related to the new H1N1 virus.

Death in Ontario

- Ontario has recorded a third swine flu death. The case was a 78-year-old man in Orangeville with the H1N1 flu virus, visiting from the U.S., health officials said Friday.

It's something everyone should prepare for, Phelps said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Officials say six small boats packed with at least 75 migrants from Africa have arrived on the southern shores of Spain or been rescued just off the coast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Arrests expose rift among Iran's clerics

Iran's government said yesterday it arrested the daughter and four other relatives of former President Hashemi Rafsanjani, one of the country's most powerful men, in a move that exposed a rift among the ruling Islamic clerics over the disputed presidential election.

State media also reported at least 10 more deaths, bringing the official toll for a week of confrontations to at least 17. State television inside Iran said 10 were killed and 100 injured in clashes Saturday between demonstrators contesting the result of the June 12 election and black-clad police wielding truncheons, tear gas and water cannons.

Police and members of the Basij militia took up positions in the afternoon on major streets and squares, including the site of Saturday's clashes. But there was no word on any new clashes yesterday.

State-run Press TV reported that Rafsanjani's eldest daughter, Faezeh Hashemi, and four other unidentified family members were arrested late Saturday. Yesterday, it said the four others had been released, but that Hashemi remained in detention.

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An Iranian woman, living in Germany, weeps during protests in Berlin yesterday.

Last week, state television showed images of Hashemi, 46, speaking to hundreds of supporters of opposition candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi. He alleges fraud in the June 12 election, which the government said President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won.

After Hashemi's appearance, hard-line students gathered outside the Tehran prosecutor's office and accused her of treason, state radio reported.

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U.S. tracking ship: Report

NORTH KOREA A U.S. Navy destroyer is tailing a North Korean ship suspected of carrying illicit weapons toward Myanmar in what could be the first test of new UN sanctions against the North over its recent nuclear test, a leading TV network said yesterday.

The South Korean news network YTN, citing an unidentified intelligence source, said the U.S. suspects the cargo ship Kang Nam is carrying missiles and related parts.

YTN said the U.S. has deployed a destroyer and is using satellites to track the ship, which was expected to travel to Myanmar via Singapore. South Korea's Defence Ministry, Unification Ministry and National Intelligence Service said they could not confirm the report. Calls to the U.S. military command in Seoul were not answered late yesterday. Two U.S. officials said Thursday the U.S. military had begun tracking the ship, which left a North Korean port Wednesday and was travelling off the coast of China. One of the officials said it was uncertain what the Kang Nam was carrying, but that it had been involved in weapons proliferation before. Both spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence.

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Myanmar

- Myanmar's military government, which faces an arms embargo from the United States and the European Union, has reportedly bought weapons from North Korea.

News in brief

ITALY A businessman who recruited young women to attend parties at Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's homes has apologized to him for having contributed to a new scandal. Giampaolo Tarantini also said in a statement Saturday that he only reimbursed the women for their travel and expenses, refuting suggestions that he paid the women, reportedly including a high-end prostitute, to attend. Tarantini has been at the centre of new allegations concerning Berlusconi's purported fondness for younger women.

REFUGEES Pope Benedict XVI said yesterday that countries must continue receiving refugees despite the difficulties they create while also addressing the causes that drive so many people from their homes.

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New NOW president
The U.S. National Organization for Women has elected 56-year-old Terry O'Neill as the group's next president. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London football team in fiery U.S. bus crash

One person is dead and 11 people were sent to hospital after a Greyhound bus carrying the London Silverbacks semi-pro football team collided with an SUV in Indiana, the Canadian team's assistant head coach said yesterday.

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A vehicle is engulfed in flames as a Greyhound bus that was carrying an Ontario semi-pro football team bus lies in a highway median in Indiana yesterday.

Jason Kenemy said the injured included team owner Alan Lazar, who was airlifted to a hospital in Fort Wayne in critical but stable condition, and the bus driver — who was praised for his actions.

Kenemy said Lazar is expected to be OK, adding the team members suffered relatively minor injuries.

Five of them had been released from hospital by last night.

"Otherwise everyone escaped," Kenemy said. "We have our lives, so we're thankful."

The crash happened on I-69 about 11:30 a.m. when the southbound SUV blew a tire, crossed the median and collided head-on with the northbound bus and burst into flames, killing the SUV's driver.

Kenemy said the bus driver swerved to try and avoid a collision, but the bus remained upright.

There were 38 people on the bus, including players, coaches, cheerleaders and other team employees, Kenemy said.

There was no word on when the team would be able to continue its journey home to Ontario, and they were waiting for another bus.

Defensive coach Dennis Angyal said they had hoped to head for home Sunday night, noting many of the players had to be at their regular jobs Monday.

He noted players in the semi-pro league, who are aged 18 and up, do not get paid.

The Silverbacks play in the North American Football League, and are an affiliate of the Toronto Argonauts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stonehenge **Summer solstice**

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Carl Klinkenborg and his wife Gigha kiss during their wedding ceremony as people gather to celebrate the summer solstice at Stonehenge in England yesterday. The monument attracted some 35,000 people to mark the longest day of the year when sunrise was expected at 4:58 am under the cloudy sky.

More Mexican troops in Juarez

DRUG WAR Mexico has deployed 1,500 more troops to the U.S. border city of Juarez. The extra soldiers will begin patrolling the city today, said Enrique Torres Valadez, the spokesman for the joint operation of soldiers and state police. A total of 2,500 troops arrived Saturday in the city across the border from El Paso, Texas, Torres said. Through mid-June, there have been 800 drug-related killings this year in the city of about 1.3 million people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troops raise money on Father's Day in Afghanistan

Sunny Side

AFGHANISTAN Father's Day brought heightened memories of home for many Canadian soldiers yesterday, while others arose early for a different kind of mission: A charity run around part of Kandahar Airfield.

"I miss my guy," Master Cpl. Patrick Levesque said of his five-year-old son in Quebec City. "I'm going back to see him in two weeks, and I'll be proud to see my little boy."

Weighed down by flak vests, helmets, boots, water and rifles, several dozen soldiers and some civilians tackled the 6.5 kilometre "Loop for the Troops" with a gusto inspired by the promise of free coffee at the finish line. It was the second annual run, and the first time it was held in Kandahar. The distance is half required to meet minimum basic fitness levels in the Canadian Forces.

The 94 runners and walkers, including a trio of reporters, raised close to $6,800 for various military-related efforts including a wall of honour for fallen soldiers in Calgary, where organizers were hoping more than a thousand people would take part in a similar event yesterday.

Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, Canada's senior commander in Afghanistan, led the way from Kandahar's boardwalk on a route that followed one of the few tarred roads on the sprawling air base to minimize dust. He paid tribute to the race winner, Maj. Joey Boland, who finished in around 29 minutes despite the heavy gear. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Take pride in your deck

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It's Pride week in my city and my partner, Liz, and I have hit on the perfect way to celebrate. We're going to spend the whole of parade day staining our back deck.

I remember my first Pride. I was alone, barely "out" and entirely terrified. I'd heard the thing to do was to appear naked, so I wore shorts that almost didn't cover my knees.

For me, naked is a relative term.

My first fifteen minutes on Church Street I was blasted with a high-power water gun, bumped into by two men chained together at the nipples and hit on by a woman with a pink Mohawk wearing nothing but Daisy Duke shorts and a smile. I loved it all.

My favourite Pride moment occurred years later. A gaggle of elderly lady tourists stopped my friends and me, asking in halting English, "What is happening here?"

We said it was Gay Pride.

They consulted their translation book and announced, "We gay too!"

Later we passed them again, decked in sparkly boas, sporting temporary rainbow tattoos and slightly tipsy.

"I don't think they know what gay is," a friend said.

I suspect they did.

Over the years, Pride has changed.

PrideWeek Toronto

You now see things you'd never expect. Like, straight people.

The ratio of straight to gay spectators has become so high they'll soon have to stock the street with gays just to keep up the image of the event.

Most gay people choose to spend the parade period engaging in other crucial social planning issues; staking out the best seats in the beer garden for when the event's over.

This year, my glorious transwoman daughter, Jade, is getting ready to attend Pride for the first time.

I have to admit, I never imagined myself saying to my child, "You're not going anywhere in just a leather mini skirt and black bra, missy. For God's sake, put on some sunscreen."

And, Liz and I?

Our way of honouring what Gay Pride has achieved is to behave in a way that would have been unthinkable in previous decades … just like any other middle age, married couple.

If gay men and women before us fought for anything, it was for being gay simply not to matter.

So, come parade day, my wife and I will raise a cold beer in gratitude to those who made our wonderful, normal life and love possible.

Hopefully on a newly stained deck.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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Worth Mentioning

Maine gay marriage foes gear up for fight

SameSex Marriage

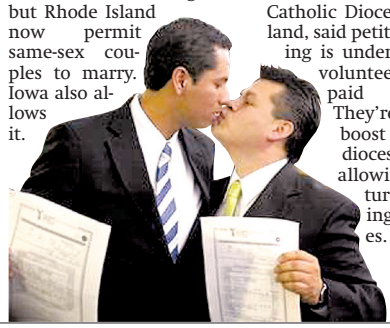
LEGAL Gay marriage foes in Maine have hired the public relations firm that led the successful proposal to overturn same-sex marriage in California.

On the other side, supporters of gay marriage have turned to a legislative aide who led a successful campaign to retain Maine's gay rights law.

Maine was the fifth U.S. state to approve gay marriages when Gov. John Baldacci signed the legislation on May 6. New Hampshire later followed suit, so all the states in New England but Rhode Island now permit same-sex couples to marry. Iowa also allows it.

In Maine, the law goes into effect in September unless, before then, opponents collect the signatures of at least 55,087 registered voters. If so, the law will be put on hold pending a statewide referendum that could be held as early as Election Day in November.

Marc Mutty, spokesman for Stand For Marriage Maine and for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, said petition-gathering is under way with volunteers and paid workers. They're getting a boost from the diocese, which is allowing signature-gathering at churches.



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Views

If you are GO-ing to Niagara, forget the car

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This Saturday, GO Transit begins summer weekend train service to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, and it seems local authorities down that way are finally paying attention to tourists who don't happen to arrive by car.

The Niagara area offers a wide range of worthwhile activities, and yet when transit-savvy visitors from Japan, Europe or even the GTA would arrive in town, the near-invisibility of local transport options made the place look backwards.

The intercity bus and train depots in Niagara Falls are not near the waterfalls. But instead of simply hopping on a local bus, many new arrivals found it easier to just pay for a cab.

VIA Rail, Coach Canada and Greyhound travel throughout the day to Niagara Falls and beyond, as they have for years. Thankfully, the expected arrival of four large GO trains every Saturday, Sunday and holiday has local transport providers scrambling to accommodate hoped-for crowds.

The two local bus services aimed at visitors are the "Falls Shuttle" of Niagara Transit and the Niagara Parks "People Mover."

They are barely integrated so you should decide beforehand which is best for you. Both serve the Falls and major destinations.

I've prepared a list of local transit tips and links. See the blog post at metronews.ca/eddrass as well as a special page of eddrass.com, under "Niagara."

Here are the basics: GO rail service runs weekends and holidays from Saturday through Thanksgiving. Consult gotransit.com for schedules, fares and other key details.

During this period Niagara Falls Transit plans to beef up the hourly Falls Shuttle service which stops very close to the VIA Rail station. Day passes are good on both the Shuttle network and regular city bus routes.

The Niagara Parks People Mover buses stop a few blocks from the rail station at White Water Walk, where day passes are sold. You may need to ask directions.

The Niagara Region has one of the most developed bicycle path networks in Ontario, and a limited number of bikes are allowed on the GO trains. VIA Rail is again offering special bike transport to Niagara this year; see biketrain.ca to reserve a spot and plan a tour.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Quick tip

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Going Green

Bridge made of cardboard

Japanese architect Shigeru Ban used a mixture of cardboard tubes, recycled labels and creative engineering to build a 22 metre long footbridge over the Gardon River in the south of France in the summer of 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Chemical ban takes aim at rubber duckies

TOYS Six common man-made chemicals will be banned in soft vinyl toys and lead limits will be lowered under proposed regulations announced by Ottawa.

The regulations are to help ensure that products intended for children are safe," said Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq.

"This not only catches us up with the U.S. and Europe, it's somewhat better," said Rick Smith, executive director of Environmental Defence. Without new rules, he said Canada risked becoming a dumping ground for toxic toys.

Is this the death knell for the iconic rubber duck, the symbol of toxic toys?

"Not at all," said Smith. "It's the rebirth of the rubber duck." A phthalate-free ducky is already available.

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On the ban list

- The proposed changes will ban six chemicals known as phthalates from soft vinyl toys and child-care articles, such as vinyl bibs.

Myth or half-truth?

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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We were recently visiting with a friend who said she really wanted to be a responsible environmentalist, but found it difficult to know what to believe. The problem for her, as for all of us, is that she is constantly bombarded with conflicting information or "twists" on information and is looking for some kind of clearing house for the "truth".

The problem we find is not that there are all sorts of individuals and organizations that will tell you the Truth as they see it.

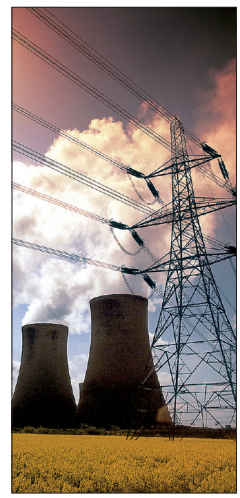
One of the greatest strengths of our society is that everyone can have a voice, and share an opinion. With that comes the problem that everyone is sharing an opinion, too often disguised as fact. It's a particular problem in the on-line age where information is disseminated long before it is vetted.

We had thought to write an article on environmental myths this week. Many industry groups and environmental organizations dedicate web-space to debunking the "myths" perpetuated by other groups.

What is striking is how often two rival camps will cite the same studies and authorities, but select those elements that support their respective world views.

For example, a major business organization debunks the myth that we face a crisis in global deforestation, citing a UN report that forest cover is increasing in the U.S. and Europe and that 73 per cent of tropical rainforests (at the time of the study) remained intact. An environmental organization cites the same report, but emphasizes the sections detailing the rate of rainforest loss and the change in forest habitat in areas of regrowth.

So, who's right? Who do we listen to? In answer to both questions, everyone and no one. It would be easier to have a single authority we could trust to distill the information and give us an answer to the questions "Nuclear or Coal? Cloth or Disposable? Organic or Conventional? Ginger or MaryAnn?" However, we have seen how well the single voice of truth has played out in some countries. So the onus is on all of us to trust no single source of information, but to read many sources representing different views. Most will convey some part of the truth, few will convey it all. But don't take our word for it, read someone else.



Rival camps will often cite the same studies to support their views, such as answering questions like Nuclear or Coal?

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Coal sales expected to rise

Teck Resources Ltd. said Friday that it expects its 2009 coal sales to be at the upper end of its guidance for 18 million to 20 million tonnes and cancelled planned temporary production shutdowns at several mines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

Jobs recovering after transplant

Apple Inc. co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs, left, whose recovery from pancreatic cancer appeared less certain when he had to take medical leave in January, received a liver transplant two months ago but is recovering well, The Wall Street Journal has reported.

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Has the TSX spring rally ended?

Investors are rightly curious about the future of the spring rally on the Toronto market after the TSX lost ground last week after four straight weeks of sharp gains.

The TSX gave up 357 points or 3.35 per cent during the week as confidence wavered about whether an economic recovery will be in place by the end of the year and investors thought the market was in need of a break.

41 The Toronto Stock Exchange has been up as much as 41 per cent since March 10.

After all, the market gains since the rally took off from the lows of March 10 have been impressive — the main Toronto index was up as much as 41 per cent, led by gains of about 150 per cent in the base metals sector and 65 per cent in the energy sector.

Analysts are quick to point out that it's impossible to predict what happens next with any great degree of accuracy.

"Short term, you just can't dismiss any possibility," observed Gareth Watson, associate director and Canadian equity adviser at ScotiaMcLeod.

"What I would note over the past couple of weeks is that volumes have been as low as they have been all year."

And investors thinking about jumping into the market, or whether this would be a good time to take some profits should consider just what has fuelled the TSX's dramatic rise.

Watson noted that the performance of the U.S. dollar alone has been responsible for a good chunk of the performance in the commodity sectors. The price of oil doubled over four months and copper also registered huge gains, hitting an eight-month high just over a week ago as the U.S. dollar weakened, forcing commodity priced in U.S. dollars.

In addition to the weak U.S. currency, Watson believes the market has been driven higher by momentum as cash that was on the sidelines made its way into equities.

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Business in **brief**

SALE ZipLocal Inc. said Friday that it has signed a deal to be bought by a private Ontario company in an agreement worth $2.383 million. The company said the deal with JLA CP Holdings Inc. includes $1.933 million of secured debt that is in default and owed to affiliates of JLACP, plus $450,000 in cash. ZipLocal said it plans to use the cash to pay off its unsecured debts and other liabilities and to explore new business opportunities. ZipLocal operates a Canadian online directory.

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Drug industry to cut costs for U.S. seniors

MEDICARE The pharmaceutical industry has agreed to spend $80 billion US over the next decade improving drug benefits for American seniors on Medicare.

Several officials have confirmed the deal, which would defray the cost of U.S. President Barack Obama's health care legislation.

The agreement caps secretive negotiations among the industry, the White House and key legislators.

Under the deal, drug companies would pay as much as half of the cost of brand-name drugs for lower and middle-income seniors in the so-called doughnut hole — a gap in coverage that is a feature of many of the plans providing prescription coverage under Medicare.

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Google Maps **Capture campus life**

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Google cartographer Martin D.F. Angelo rides a tricycle equipped with cameras through the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The Internet search engine has started taking pictures at the University of Pennsylvania so that it can add college campuses to its Google Maps service.

Despite low prices millions spent on natural gas rights

B.C. An oversupply of natural gas and weak prices have not deterred investors from snapping up rights to drill and explore in the hot Horn River shale rock basin in British Columbia, betting the commodity will soon recover.

Oil and gas companies continue to clamour for a piece of the action at Horn River in the northeastern corner of the province, an area hailed as the largest shale-based natural gas play in Canada.

A recent monthly sale of land rights netted the B.C. government more than $178 million in the Horn River area alone, which is triple total sales for the past five months and the ninth-largest monthly tally in history.

B.C. had been hauling in record sales for months from Horn River and its nearby Montney formation, until the recession caused some energy companies to pull back their spending.

"What it really tells me is that there is significant investor confidence in B.C."
B.C. energy minister Blair Lekstrom

While the price of oil has been climbing steadily in recent months, natural gas prices have stayed weak due to a glut of new gas supply coming from unconventional gas sources such as the shale plays.

In a visit to Calgary last week, Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens predicted a rebound to about $7 US for 1,000 cubic feet next year, nearly double today's price of around $4 US.

Pickens touts natural gas as a way to help reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and cut emissions that lead to global warming, since natural gas emits about half of the heat-trapping greenhouse gas than coal.

Such outlooks are believed to be partially behind the recent surprise investment resurgence in the Horn River basin.

B.C. Energy Minister Blair Lekstrom said the June sale results show investor confidence is returning.

"What it really tells me is that there is significant investor confidence in B.C.," Lekstrom said, adding that the risk is low and government incentives to invest in the area are high.

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Two banks shut down in the U.S.
Regulators in the United States have shut down a small bank in Wilmington, N.C., and another small bank in Fayetteville, Ga. The two bank seizures push this year's tally of failed banks up to 39. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nortel sells wireless biz

Telecom company slowing selling off its operations

Nortel Networks Corp., which is operating under court protection from creditors, announced a deal Friday to sell most of its wireless business for $650 million US and said it's in advanced talks to sell the rest of its operations, winding down a company with a 127 year old history in Canada.

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Mike Zafirovski

Nortel president and chief executive Mike Zafirovski said an orderly sale of the Toronto telecom equipment maker is the best way to preserve value.

"We really believe the best outcome for that is selling our businesses to drive consolidation in the industry," Zafirovski said in an interview late Friday.

"We believe that the best outcome to optimize value and to preserve the other very significant assets is an orderly sale of our businesses."

Zafirovski, who said earlier this year he wanted to restructure and preserve Nortel as a stand-alone company, said it's already in advanced talks for the sale of the other parts of the business.

"We will be weeks and months, not quarters," Zafirovski said.

Nortel also said it will ask to have its shares delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange, the market where Nortel once accounted for more than a third of the value of all the companies listed.

When the company filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy law and the Companies' Creditor Arrangement Act in Canada, it said it planned to restructure as a more focused company.

Nortel's predecessors have been in business since 1882, growing from making telephones for its former Bell Canada parent to the network technology through aggressive — but ill-fated acquisitions — in the United States.

However Nortel has faced a variety of troubles since the tech bubble burst — including accounting problems that devastated its stock and led to criminal charges against former executives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top Euro banker says no more stimulus plans

ECONOMY Europe's central bank chief yesterday cautioned against any new government stimulus plans and predicted the global economy will pick up in 2010.

"We are seeing at this moment a slowdown in the drop in activity," Jean-Claude Trichet said on France's Europe-1 radio.

"There is a moment where you cannot spend more and accumulate more debts. We are at that moment."
Jean-Claude Trichet

Global economic activity should come "close to stability" later this year, and "we should register the recovery of growth during the next year," he said.

He also welcomed signs of stabilization and renewed confidence in interbank lending.

He said any new stimulus packages would only drive governments deeper into debt that would saddle future generations.

Stimulus packages already in place "are completely extraordinary. In our analysis, this is sufficient," he said.

"There is a moment where you cannot spend more and accumulate more debts. We are at that moment," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Globe workers vote to strike

RIGHTS Unionized workers at the Globe and Mail have voted almost unanimously to give their bargaining committee the authority to call a strike unless the company improves its contract offer.

The editorial, advertising and circulation workers voted 97 per cent Saturday in favour of strike action in a meeting at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and in Globe bureaus.

While negotiations are to resume Monday, a strike/lockout date has been set for midnight June 30 for the almost 500 employees.

"That's an incredible level of support, particularly in this economic climate," said Brad Honywill, president of Local 87-M of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, which represents employees at the Toronto-based daily.

97 Editorial, advertising and circulation workers at the Globe and Mail voted 97 per cent in favour of strike action over the weekend.

"The Globe bargaining committee recognizes that we're in difficult economic times. They have very modest proposals themselves. They're hoping the company will come back with something that recognizes the value of the employees," said Honywill shortly after the vote.

Honywill said demands by management would reduce pension plan benefits by up to 50 per cent for future retirees, and cut wages for almost 30 per cent of the workforce.

Despite an overall salary increase proposed by management, about 125 workers would see wage cuts and more than 70 per cent of those cuts are to women in predominantly female-dominated work areas, Honywill said.

Honywill said "over-the-top concessions" encouraged people who wouldn't normally think of going on strike to vote overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate.

He said it was the strongest show of support for strike action in years, with 302 out of 311 ballots cast in favour.

Management had proposed a six-year-deal, which includes a total compounded salary increase of 7.2 per cent over six years.

It has also proposed one unpaid week off each year for all employees, a workday increase to 7.5 hours from seven, with no extra pay for the half hour, overtime paid at straight time for the first half hour and changes to pensions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health Nestlé recalls brownie mix

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A package of Nestlé Toll House Fudgy Brownies refrigerated cookie dough. Nestlé USA on Friday voluntarily recalled its Toll House refrigerated cookie dough products after a number of illnesses were reported by those who ate the dough raw.

Business in brief

INSURANCE The Ontario Securities Commission is investigating Manulife Financial Corp over what Canada's largest insurance company told investors about the risks of its guaranteed fund business. Manulife says it received an enforcement notice from staff of the provincial regulator this week in connection with its disclosure before March of the risks in its variable annuity guarantee and segregated funds business.

GOLDFIELDS GLR Resources Inc. said Friday that the sale of its Goldfields project to Linear Gold Corp. has been put on hold after the Ontario Superior Court adjourned a planned creditors meeting. The company said the court granted a request by Santa Fe Metals Corp. to adjourn the meeting that was scheduled for today. Santa Fe is claiming breach of contract and seeking an injunction preventing GLR from selling or encumbering the Goldfields project. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Favourite wins Queen's Plate

Eye Of The Leopard took the lead in deep stretch and went on to win the 150th running of the Queen's Plate thoroughbred race. Eye Of The Leopard, the 2-1 favourite, sat off the pace for much of the race, but was second making the turn behind Mr. Foricos Two U. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Sundin out for Olympics

Mats Sundin, left, will not play for Sweden in the Olympic hockey tournament next year. "There will be no Olympics in Vancouver for me," Sundin was quoted as saying on the Swedish newspaper Expressen's website. Sundin said he is still pondering his future in the NHL and did not rule out playing another season with Vancouver. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Brazil, U.S. advance at Confed Cup

SOCCER The United States turned Group B upside down yesterday at the Confederations Cup, moving from last place to a spot in the semifinals ahead of both Italy and Egypt.

The Americans beat African champion Egypt 3-0 in Rustenburg to overtake both the Egyptians and the Italians, who lost to Group B winner Brazil 3-0, in the standings.

Clint Dempsey headed in the deciding goal in the 71st minute, eight minutes after Michael Bradley gave the Americans hope with a goal in the 63rd. Charlie Davies also scored, sending a shot from point-blank range into the net off the hand of Egypt goalkeeper Essam El Hadary in the 21st.

"Big surprise, but we know we are capable of this," United States forward Landon Donovan said.

In Pretoria, Luis Fabiano scored a pair of first-half goals for the Brazilians, who have fully recovered from the lacklustre play that gave them the slim win over Egypt in their opening Group B match. The Brazil striker scored in the 37th and 43rd minutes.

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Toronto pitcher Ricky Romero gave up two runs over seven innings yesterday to earn the win as the Blue Jays beat the Washington Nationals 9-4.

Sweep avoided

MLB RESULTS

Toronto 9 Washington 4

The Toronto Blue Jays avoided the unsavoury distinction of becoming the first team to be swept by the bottom-dwelling Washington Nationals, getting five RBIs from Lyle Overbay and a solid outing by Ricky Romero in yesterday's 9-4 victory.

Romero (4-3) allowed two runs over seven innings with a season-high 118 pitches, taking a little of the strain off the Blue Jays' bullpen after extra-inning losses Friday and Saturday. Overbay's 3-for-5 day included a middle-deck solo homer in the third as Toronto finished 4-2 on a six-game road trip.

The loss snapped a season-high four-game winning streak for the Nationals, who took the last two of three against the New York Yankees and the first two against the Blue Jays.

Washington's young starters and hodgepodge of relievers allowed only six runs in those four games, but Shairon Martis (5-2) equaled that number in five innings of work yesterday.

Romero bailed himself out of trouble more than once, allowing at least two runners on base in four of the first five innings, but the Nationals went only 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position while he was in the game.

Romero struck out Ryan Zimmerman and Adam Dunn back-to-back on pitches in the dirt with runners on first and second in the first inning and induced inning-ending double plays in the fifth and sixth. The only scoreboard damage against Romero came on Josh Bard's two-run single in the second.

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Barnes, Glover lead through three rounds of US Open; Weir six back

GOLF Halfway through his third round, Ricky Barnes had a six-shot lead and a smile to match in the U.S. Open. Ten holes later, with darkness gathering, he couldn't get off Bethpage Black fast enough.

The final few hours yesterday changed everything in a start-and-stop U.S. Open, which should wrap up today.

Barnes became only the fourth player to reach double digits under par, reaching minus 11 in the third round, but had to settle for an even-par 70 and a one-shot lead over Lucas Glover.

In the one hole he completed in the fourth round, Barnes chopped his way to a bogey and fell into a tie. He followed that by hooking his tee shot into gnarly clumps of native grass on a hill left of the second fairway, putting him in more trouble.

"I'll sleep fine. If not, I guess I'll be tired."
Co-leader
Rickey Barnes

When the horn sounded to suspend the final round because of darkness, he quickly marked his ball and headed for the clubhouse.

Barnes and Glover were at 7 under par, still five shots clear of everyone else. Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., was another shot back at 1 under after going 1 over through the first three holes of his final round.

"It's going to be pressure-packed tomorrow," Glover said. "I'll sleep fine. If not, I guess I'll be tired."

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Sports in brief

HABS Montreal Canadiens owner George Gillett and Geoff Molson issued a joint statement Saturday saying they have an agreement in principle for the Molson family to purchase the storied NHL club. Details weren't released, but reports said Gillett's 80.1 per cent interest should exceed $500 million and could even top $600 million.

SWIMMING American swim star Michael Phelps won the 100-metre freestyle yesterday in a time of 48.65 seconds at the Canada Cup in Montreal. Matthew Targett was second in 48.87 seconds.

IRL Dario Franchitti won the Iowa Corn Indy 250 yesterday to earn his second victory in two trips to Iowa Speedway. Franchitti took the lead with 50 laps to go and beat Ryan Briscoe by just over five seconds to take his first checkered flag since in April. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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New York	38	31	.551	4
TORONTO	**38**	**33**	**.535**	**5**
Tampa Bay	37	34	.521	6
Baltimore	32	37	.464	10

CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	31	.551	-
Minnesota	35	36	.493	4
Chicago	33	36	.478	5
Kansas City	29	39	.426	8.5
Cleveland	29	42	.408	10

WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	36	30	.545	-
Texas	37	31	.544	-
Seattle	35	34	.507	2.5
Oakland	30	38	.441	7

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EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	31	.537	-
New York	34	33	.507	2
Florida	35	36	.493	3
Atlanta	32	36	.471	4.5
Washington	20	47	.299	16

CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	39	31	.557	-
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	1.5
Chicago	34	31	.523	2.5
Cincinnati	34	34	.500	4
Houston	32	35	.478	5.5
Pittsburgh	31	38	.449	7.5

WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	45	24	.652	-
San Francisco	37	31	.544	7.5
Colorado	36	33	.522	9
San Diego	30	38	.441	14.5
Arizona	29	41	.414	16.5

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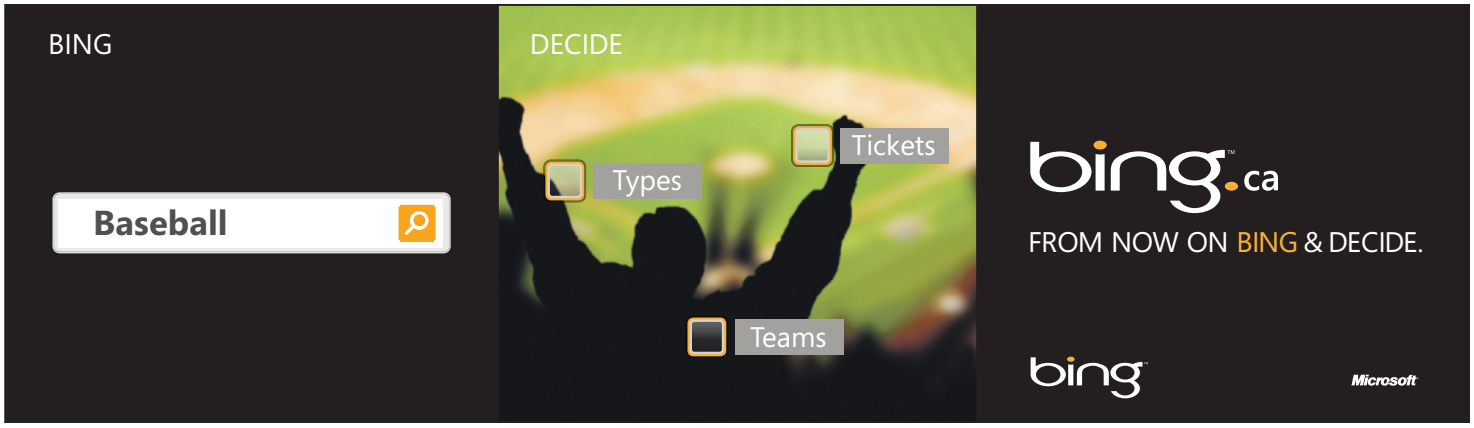

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Pakistan wins cricket World Cup

Pakistan won cricket's Twenty20 World Cup with an eight-wicket victory over Sri Lanka yesterday in London, England. The victory sparked jubilant scenes in Pakistan as thousands of fans took to the streets to celebrate the win. METRO NEWS SERVICES

FIA would be in charge of F1 rival: Mosley

RACING FIA president Max Mosley says his organization would have to be the regulatory body for the breakaway series being formed by eight Formula One teams.

Mosley told The Associated Press yesterday he has informed the Formula One Teams Association that the International Automobile Federation he heads would still be the rival championship's ultimate regulator.

That's despite the teams only launching the series because talks with Mosley over 2010 entry to the FIA's world championship have collapsed over the voluntary budget cap.

Mosley said: "If they start a new series it would have to run under the sporting code and we would have to give them consent, providing it was safe and fair."

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Vettel takes British GP

- Sebastian Vettel won the British Grand Prix yesterday, leading a 1-2 finish for Red Bull and claiming his second Formula One victory of the season.

The German beat teammate Mark Webber by 15.1 seconds at the Silverstone circuit.

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Toronto FC hoist the Voyageurs Cup after defeating the Montreal Impact 6-1 in Montreal on Thursday.

Montreal Miracle

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Ben Rycroft

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So much of what it takes to win in soccer revolves around momentum.

If a club is playing well together, picking up wins where maybe they shouldn't or, even better, succeeding when the odds are stacked so highly against them, an average team can transform into a great one by riding that cosmic wave of momentum. I've been reading Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance lately.

Call it the Montreal Miracle or call it L'Impact's Limp Act, Toronto's 6-1 win to advance out of the Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup was nothing short of stunning. The look on the faces of Vancouver players — who were in attendance and awaiting the presentation of their title, if only Toronto wouldn't win by more than four — confirmed it.

You can bring up the fact that essentially Montreal fielded a reserve squad. And yes, the fact that they were already out of the competition is worth mentioning, as Montreal clearly had their focus on a league game (one that they won) against Vancouver two days later.

But the effect of this win on Toronto, a team that had never before scored more than four goals in one game, should be no less profound.

All you need to do is look back on last year's Voyageurs Cup finale, the 1-1 draw at home that bounced Toronto from the competition and sent Montreal rolling along to their Cinderella-like run in the Champions League, to see how one game can set the tone for a season.

Following that devastating, hand wringing, Jeff Cunningham killing defeat, Toronto would capture only one win in their next 10 games. It was an ugly stretch of soccer where players, passion and any momentum were absent for long periods of time.

Conversely, Montreal, who up until that point had only been playing around .500 soccer, didn't lose a game in their next 11. They were one of two USL-1 teams to go deep into the Champions League that year.

Next month Toronto will face the other, the Puerto Rico Islanders, in the first of two qualifying legs to earn a berth in the Champions League. The Islanders, undefeated in their last six league games and sitting atop the USL-1 standings, will once again be looking to leave the island on a romantic run.

If Toronto wants to set off on some whimsy of its own, it needs to continue focus on the present. Getting full points from their next three league opponents — all weaker sides — would be a good start and would keep the momentum rolling.

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In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be setting its sights on the health industry and all jobs and careers therein. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for the special Head to Toe series.

Workology

Not enough nurses

Educators in Newfoundland and Labrador say there is not enough space in the province's nursing school to train the individuals interested in the occupation, and N.L.'s nursing shortage is likely to get worse. By 2012, the number of nurses retiring every year may match the number of new nurses graduating. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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One dentist says that one of the best parts of the job as opposed to a medical doctor, is you do not have to do a residency, will never be on call 24-hours a day and can work a consistent schedule.

Dentistry: Smiles aren't easy

Tooth focus allows for convenient schedule, but it's not often people will like you

Head to **Toe**

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

There are three absolute truths about dentists:

- They can make a good living;
- They have a regular schedule compared to their medical counterparts;
- They really have to work hard to make sure people like them.

After all, with the drilling, discomfort and the fingers-in-mouth they so generously provide, it's easy to see why Walt Disney didn't pick one for face of the franchise.

"No one wants to go to a grumpy dentist," says Dr. Jasmin Fitch of Stouffville, Ont. "A lot of it is about making sure the patients are happy and comfortable. You have to be a people person."

Fitch, 26, has been working up in Kirkland Lake, Ont., for the past 11 months upon graduating from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry. She admits that most of her patients may not necessarily like what she does, but she takes the necessary steps to ensure they like her.

"You want to make it a memorable, fun experience for them and not just about the work itself," she says. "It's important to take their minds off the work I'm doing."

Whether she's got a five-year-old in the chair for a check-up or a 55-year-old saddled up for a root canal, her approach is the same — find some common ground, be fun and have a good time (or as good a time as possible).

She finds staying current with TV shows ranging from Dora the Explorer to American Idol help this, as does randomly breaking in to an impromptu radio sing-a-long. After all, she wants to make sure she has an enjoyable day, as well.

As a dentist, familiarizing yourself with a wide-range of television shows can help facilitate relationships with patients.

With a child of her own due in mid-summer, she also appreciates the schedule dentistry allows her. A self-admitted "Monday to Friday, nine-to-five kind of girl," she likes the way she can book appointments during the weekdays and leave her work at the office in the evening.

For someone considering a career in health sciences, this is an important consideration.

Fitch points out that as opposed to a medical doctor, she did not have to do a residency, will never be on call 24-hours a day and can work a consistent schedule. It was these lifestyle factors that greatly helped when choosing which avenue she wanted to pursue in the life sciences.

Set to return from Kirkland Lake in early June, Fitch is excited about getting her career rolling in the GTA. She feels she now has the experience under her belt to enter a more competitive market. In fact, the reason she went all the way up to Kirkland Lake was "to get the most experience as possible in the shortest amount of time."

Working at the only clinic in hundreds of kilometres, she was able to book patients to fill her days months in advance. With the concentration of dentists in Toronto, she says, the same opportunities for young dentists simply don't exist.

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McMaster breaks into Burlington
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Workology in **brief**

UNEMPLOYMENT RECORD Canada's unemployment rate rose to its highest level in 11 years, as 42,000 more jobs were lost in May, according to Statistics Canada. While Ontario accounts for 39 per cent of Canada's total working-age population, it has suffered 64 per cent of the country's overall employment losses since the beginning of the labour market downturn. Large declines occurred in full-time employment, with 59,000 job cuts, while part-time employment rose with 44,000 new part-time hires. On a positive note, the hourly wage for employees was 3.4 per cent higher in May as compared to May 2008.

FIRST NATIONS FUNDING The federal government is withholding $2.4 million in funding from the First Nations University of Canada — which has campuses in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert — until the beleaguered institution implements major changes. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada have requested university officials to meet a number of deadlines over the next few months. The university designed programs with Aboriginal communities to meet their human resources needs in areas such as health care, education and environment.

EXCELLENT UNIVERSITIES Seven Canadian universities have picked up medals in the 2009 CASE Circle of Excellence Awards, an international program that recognizes outstanding institutional achievement in areas such as fundraising, marketing and alumni relations. Among the winners: Memorial University, which earned a grand gold and a bronze medal; the University of Toronto, which picked up two silver medals; the University of Waterloo, which received a grand gold; York University and Queen's University, which each earned a silver award; and Wilfrid Laurier and McGill Universities which both took home a bonze.

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Sewing pattern into fabric ... and a career

Odd**Jobs**

Diane Peters

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Laurie Swim has been quilting since she was 16 years old.

Nova Scotia-born Laurie Swim started sewing at around age 10. Her mom bought a machine and the young girl quickly took it over.

She started out with clothing. She once made a reversible ski jacket. Her grandmother did not believe it was her own creation.

At age 16, she made her first quilt.

"It just spoke to me. The colours, the texture," says Swim.

She studied art at Mount Allison University and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. After graduation, she apprenticed with two weavers in Denmark.

Overseas, she began to miss quilting, and when she came back to Canada had a woman who lived near her family home in Lockeport help her create a black and white quilt she called Eve's Apple.

The dramatic piece was a far cry from a bedspread: People were shocked by its bold look. "It was considered revolutionary at the time, it broke with tradition," says Swim.

The Nova Scotia Designer Craft Council accepted it for its exhibition that year, and it won best in show. Swim took it and another quilt down to New York City, and pictures were published of them both in major U.S. craft magazines.

Swim moved to Toronto in the mid 1970s and continued with her creations and landed some corporate commissions, including a 64-foot piece for the Bank of Nova Scotia.

For a few years, Swim, her husband and their son lived in Kingston, Ont. There, in 1995, she worked with the Kingston and District Labour Council to create a quilt memorializing the building of the Rideau Canal. The council and members of the community helped Swim source fabric, cut it up into thousands of thumbnail size pieces, and sew.

Now 60, Swim has numerous community art projects, gallery shows and three books on her resumé. She and her husband recently moved back to Nova Scotia, where Swim has been inspired by local history and the Maritime landscape.

She spends her mornings on her computer, answering emails. She goes to her storefront studio in Lunenburg — which is not far from her home — around 11 a.m. There, she draws ideas for new quilts and uses an overhead projector to create patterns on large pieces of paper. When she quilts, she uses a professional-grade sewing machine that allows her to do free-motion sewing.

She brings home hand sewing to do in the evening. And, day or night, she's always got her digital camera on hand to snap pictures of the landscape around her for images and inspiration.

The **Lowdown**

Job title: Quilt artist
Education/training: Diploma or degree in art; sewing skills
Best Part of the Job: "Trying to develop images as I see them. With community art projects, it's working with people and hearing the stories."
Worst Part of the Job: "Some people think I'm very prolific, but I think I'm not working fast enough or efficiently enough."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Ontario helps youth start businesses

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Students struggling to find their dream summer job might consider creating it themselves, but not know how to start their own business. That's where Summer Company steps in.

The Ontario Ministry of Small Business program provides up to $3,000 in funding, plus training, to help budding entrepreneurs hit the ground running.

"There are lots of plans that come in that are great ideas, but they're not going to be successful in an eight-to-twelve week period over the summer," says John Martin, manager of entrepreneurship and youth partnerships at the ministry. "The nature of the (successful) business is something primarily relating to services or small retail products. They'll take a skill they have and turn it into a business for the summer. It could be website design, (summer camps for) wakeboarding, water-skiing, tennis lessons, sewing lessons, hiking or camp activities, swimming lessons."

Students must be aged 15 to 29 and returning to school in the fall (check Ontario.ca/summercompany for more information). Summer Company provides up to $1,500 up front to successful applicants, matches them with mentors, provides business training, and throws in up to another $1,500 upon the successful completion of the program. "We don't tie 'successful completion' to the amount of money that they've made. We do tie it to their successfully going through the business experience," explains Martin.

The Ontario government will front $3,000 to students who start a small business in the summer months.

"We're planting the seeds of entrepreneurship and giving them a taste of the real world and what it's like to manage every aspect (of a business)."

The ideas for businesses range from the straight-forward to the downright batty. One young man in the Stratford area noticed his neighbours had a problem with bats, so he developed a humane bat removal service. "He had a profit in the vicinity of $10,000 over the course of the summer. He continues to operate the business," notes Martin.

Anthony Condello, a business student at McMaster University, launched Home Painting & Decorating. He "absolutely" recommends Summer Company.

"I'm very appreciative of them," says Condello. "How else could I get that kind of professional advice for free? Working with the staff and the mentors at the sessions gave me new ideas, and different perspectives from the marketing and legal mentors."

Summer Company is closed for applications for this summer, but starts taking ones for next year in November. Martin recommends getting applications in early to beat the rush.

> **"We're planting the seeds of entrepreneurship and giving them a taste of the real world and what it's like to manage every aspect (of a business)."**
> John Martin, Ontario Ministry of Small Business

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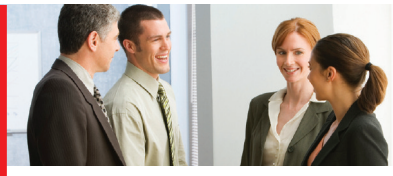

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Entertainment

Heigl returns
Katherine Heigl will return to Grey's Anatomy for Season 6, according to a statement from ABC. The news comes after T.R. Knight's Grey's Anatomy exit was finally confirmed. TVGUIDE.COM

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Weekend box office

1. **The Proposal:** $34 million US
2. **The Hangover:** $26.9 million
3. **Up:** $21.3 million
4. **Year One:** $20.2 million
5. **The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3:** $11.3 million
6. **Night at the Museum:** $7.3 million
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Nickelback are tops

MuchMusic Video Awards welcome the glitterati to T.O.

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The top nominated band was also the most victorious at last night's MuchMusic Video Awards, with Nickelback taking home three out of the five awards it was up for.

The Vancouver-based band triumphed in the categories Video of the Year, MuchLOUD Rock Video of the Year and Post Production of the Year for the music video version of single Gotta Be Somebody from the band's 2008 release, Dark Horse.

The MMVAs, which annually shuts down the streets surrounding MuchMusic's Toronto headquarters at Queen and John streets, didn't stray from tradition, as fans thronged the area around the outdoor red carpet, hoping to see the host of musicians and celebrities in attendance.

Their enthusiasm for the event was evident when co-hosts the Jonas Brothers took the stage to perform at the top of the show. A gaggle of audience members met the New Jersey pop act with screams, setting an energetic tone for the show.

Gossip blogger Perez Hilton also drew cheers when, on the red carpet, he bypassed the security fence to meet his fans and sign autographs. Professing his appreciation of the city and country, Hilton said, "I love that Toronto feels like a real city … Canada, like Lady Gaga, embraced us before anyone else."

New York electronic dance artist Lady Gaga was an early winner of the night, taking home the International Video of the Year — Artist award for her single Poker Face, thanking her fans, "God, and the gays," before performing later in the night.

Other victorious artists included Toronto-based R&B newcomer Danny Fernandes, who picked up the Pop Video of the Year honour, Toronto alternative rock band Billy Talent who, with their fathers accompanying them, received the International Video of the Year by a Canadian award.

Nova Scotia rapper Classified, a.k.a. Luke Boyd, took home the MuchVibe Hip Hop Video of the Year award, a victory for the artist who said he considers the music he makes a lot different than the mainstream.

"The hip hop that I grew up on was real music, talking about where you're coming from, what you're going through and trying to come up with something original. I feel like I should have been in the 90s making hip hop," he said with a laugh, "but we're trying to bring it back now."

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Above: Shiloh poses for a photograph on the red carpet at the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto yesterday.

Left: Kim Kardashian poses for a photograph while signing autographs on the red carpet at the MuchMusic Video Awards.

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Latifah gets it Just Wright
Queen Latifah is preparing to hate neither the player nor the game in her next project, Just Wright, a romance in which she'll star opposite Common. METRO NEWS SERVICES

No place for waste

Transformers director films blockbuster in Egypt

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

Michael Bay is adamant about one thing: There's nothing he hates more in the movie business than waste.

"Hollywood is so rife with waste," he says, sneering. As an example, he cites directors who building "elaborate, million-dollar sets" then decide not to shoot on them. "That would never happen on one of my shows."

Instead of building million-dollar sets, Bay got to take the $200 million US production of Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen to Egypt to film on the pyramids, something most filmmakers can only dream of.

And it was all thanks to Zahi] Hawass, the Secretary General of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. "Dr. Hawass was a big fan of Transformers. That's why he let us shoot there."

Bay's "it's got to be loud" philosophy has led to bombastic hits like The Rock, Bad Boys and Armageddon. But it's also led to lemons like The Island and Pearl Harbor. Naturally, he doesn't think his latest giant robot opus will fall into the latter category.

Michael Bay, right, gives direction on the set of the upcoming film Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.

Strapping in for the roller-coaster this time around — along with returning stars Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox — is Ramon Rodriguez, a young actor with a season of The Wire and this summer's The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 under his belt.

Bay sees Ramon's role as an extension of the audience. "He's never seen any of these things. So that adds for comedy," Bay explains. "And Ramon's quite funny."

"I end up getting sucked up into this world of robots and my world is completely flipped," adds Rodriguez.

For Rodriguez, working for the notorious task-master was more than a little intimidating, but he found his feet quickly thanks to a particularly exhausting audition.

"For an hour and a half, he had me running jumping and diving all around his furniture, acting like I was running from robots. And I left the room completely sweaty and drenched."

All the sweat paid off, but the 29-year-old, who was raised in New York and Puerto Rico, didn't realize that was just the beginning. For one shot, Rodriguez found himself holding tight to a pole while Bay pointed two fans blowing 100 mile-per-hour wind.

"While the fans are going, he had two guys pulling my legs with these wires," he remembers. "It's 100-plus degrees, my shoulder pops out because the guys were pulling me. I have dirt and soot going into my eyes, I can't see anything.

"All I can hear is Michael saying, 'Open your eyes! I need this shot!'" It took a good 45 minutes for Rodriguez to rinse all the debris from his eyes. "I thought I'd lost my eyesight," he says. "But it's a cool shot."

• Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen opens in theatres this Wednesday.

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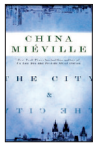

In a dark, distant future, Inspector Tyador Borlú is investigating a woman's murder in the European city of Beszel. But when he senses the case is related to greater, more lethal schemes, Inspector Borlú decides to take his case international. But "international" to the residents of Beszel actually means travelling to the city Ul Qoma, which inhabits the exact same physical geography as Beszel, separated by space and time. When Borlú ventures out of his city, he's faced with more than just a crime to solve, but the highly divisive attitudes of each city's dwellers and their motivations to overtake their rival metropolis.

Map of the Invisible World

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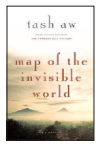

In 1960s Indonesia, brothers Adam and Johan are struggling with their paths, but in different places. Abandoned by their mother as children, Johan ended up in Malaysia, enjoying the luxuries of his wealthy adopters. But he can't shake leaving his brother behind, leading him to a destructive lifestyle. Meanwhile Adam, 16, is abandoned once more as Karl, the Dutch man who raised him, is imprisoned in an effort to rid the country of colonial remnants. On his quest to reconnect with Karl, Adam must face danger in Jakarta, with just a few photos and letters as his guide.

My Father's Tears

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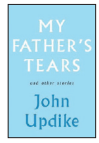

My Father's Tears is a posthumous collection of short stories by Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike, and his first anthology of this kind since 2000. Stories range in time from the 1920s to post-9/11, and explore a variety of international locations, classes and life stages. In the title story, Updike's narrator recalls his father crying when he left home to attend Harvard, considering how his son would now only grow farther from him. In Varieties of Religious Experience, Updike observes 9/11 from four points of view — a lawyer losing faith, an anti-American Muslim, a World Trade Center office worker and an on-flight passenger.

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Change of scenery for Scrubs
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Desperately seeking Susan

America's Got Talent has got a problem: Susan Boyle.

Will the NBC talent show, which begins its fourth season Tuesday, be able to find its own version of the 48-year-old Scottish singing sensation? Boyle's first appearance on the British production earlier this year generated millions of YouTube hits and sparked an unmeasurable amount of attention. The show's judges are putting the onus on the auditioning public.

"I think the Susan Boyle effect has had a huge effect on the show," Piers Morgan, the British judge who serves as arbiter on both editions of the competition, said during a break from a recent Los Angeles audition.

"What she has done is laid the gauntlet down to America. Beat that. She's the biggest star from any talent show ever. See what you can do, America."

Among the acts the judges have seen so far this season that may reach Susan Boyle status stateside: A trio of siblings called Voices of Glory who serenaded their comatose mother; an impressive singer who said she was turned away from auditioning for a cruise line because of her appearance; and a chicken farmer who clucked one mean Garth Brooks tune.

"It would be great to have a Susan Boyle," said judge David Hasselhoff. "I think it's a wonderful story. I think it's great story because that story brings us together. It shows us we're stuck up, judgmental and sometimes full of ourselves. She comes out there, appreciative to be there, and sings just about better than anyone on Earth."

GETTY IMAGES
Susan Boyle

"(Susan Boyle's story) shows us we're stuck up, judgmental and sometimes full of ourselves."
David Hasselhoff

This season, the show has scoured for Boyles of all kinds — comedians, contortionists, jugglers, magicians, dancers and singers — in nine cities: Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Washington, Atlanta, Miami, Seattle, Boston and Houston. Former host Jerry Springer was replaced by actor-rapper Nick Cannon, who is happy he doesn't have to dismiss any of the wannabes.

"I don't have to judge," he beamed. "All I have to do is stand on the side of the stage and root for the team."

The show's previous winners — tween crooner Bianca Ryan, ventriloquist Terry Fator and operatic insurance salesman Neal E. Boyd — haven't become household names in the vein of Boyle after winning the $1 million US prize. It's usually the odd acts that have viewers talking each season.

Even if the show doesn't find an American who follows in the footsteps of Boyle, it may have the next best thing: Boyle herself. She's been asked to appear on the American show sometime during the fourth season. Morgan thinks it may be Boyle, who ultimately lost Britain's Got Talent to the dance group Diversity, who leaves the lasting impression.

"When I die," he envisioned, "the headline will be: Man Who Was In Susan Boyle's YouTube Clip Dies at Age 97."

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Jon and Kate have big news...

TELEVISION Jon and Kate Gosselin of TV show Jon & Kate Plus 8 — who have been plagued with allegations of infidelity by both spouses — announced in a promotional video that "we've made some life-changing decisions ... ones that we hope will bring each of us some peace." The details will be revealed on a one-hour episode tonight at 9 p.m. EDT. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In brief

APOLOGY Jessica Alba has made a donation to the United Way in Oklahoma City, where she ran into trouble for attaching a poster highlighting the endangerment of the great white shark to one of the charity's billboards. A charity spokesperson didn't disclose the amount, but said Alba qualified for a program that recognizes donors who give $500 US or more. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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Michelle Yeoh teams up with John Woo

Former Bond girl Michelle Yeoh said yesterday that she will star in an upcoming kung fu movie directed by John Woo, adding that she's not avoiding action movies despite a recent break from the genre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angels no threat to church: McGregor

Actor Ewan McGregor says the Vatican's criticism of the religious thriller Angels & Demons was muted compared to the previous Robert Langdon adventure The Da Vinci Code because the newer film doesn't challenge the Catholic faith.

Promoting the movie yesterday in China, where it is showing as the closing film at the 12th Shanghai International Film Festival, McGregor said the Vatican-set Angels & Demons is less controversial. In the film, the Scottish actor plays a priest who serves as a top aide to the late pope.

"There's nothing that challenges Catholic or Christian belief in the film. Really, it's just a good, old-fashioned thriller with a bomb ticking away in the background and detectives solving the clues," McGregor said.

Top church officials strongly objected to the 2006 film The Da Vinci Code because it was based on the idea that Jesus married and fathered children and depicted the conservative Catholic movement, Opus Dei, as a murderous cult. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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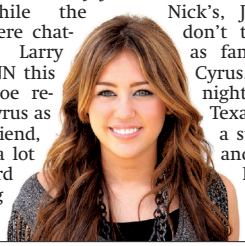
Reese Witherspoon has become a chicken farmer, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress is tending to the birds on her California ranch and has been handing out freshly laid eggs to her friends. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Miley and Nick back on

OOPS The rumours about Nick Jonas and Miley Cyrus being back together have been confirmed — by Joe Jonas. While the brothers were chatting with Larry King on CNN this weekend, Joe referred to Cyrus as Nick's girlfriend, leading to a lot of awkward stammering between the three brothers.

When King asked Joe if his girlfriend, Camilla Belle, was as famous as Nick's, Joe replied, "I don't think anyone's as famous as Miley Cyrus." The next night, at a concert in Texas, Cyrus made a surprise appearance onstage with Nick during an encore. METRO WORLD NEWS



Good riddance to Doug: Hiltons

DATING THE FAMILY Paris Hilton may have moved on from her recently ended relationship with Doug Reinhardt, but it seems members of her family aren't happy leaving it alone.

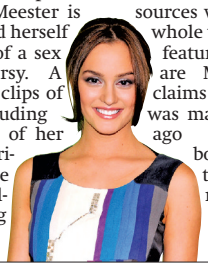
"The stories out there about our family not approving of their relationship are completely true," Hilton's aunt, Kyle Richards, told E! News. "Doug was riding Paris' coat tails. The breakup affected me in a good way. It's definitely time for Paris to move on."

Hilton's mom, Kathy Hilton, agreed: "I think Paris needs to be with someone who is a bit more mature, older and has their own thing." METRO WORLD NEWS

Leighton sex tape unearthed?

VENGEFUL EX? Gossip Girl star Leighton Meester is the latest to find herself in the middle of a sex tape controversy. A website posted clips of the video, including scandalous use of her feet, online Friday, making the full item available to paying customers.

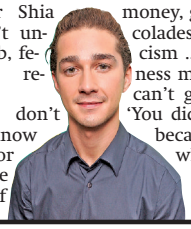
According to Page Six, sources who've seen the whole tape say the feet featured in the video are Meester's. TMZ claims that the video was made a few years ago by an ex-boyfriend. The actress' reps had no comment. METRO WORLD NEWS



Shia: What's my job again?

CONFUSED Actor Shia LaBeouf doesn't understand his job, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

He said: "I don't even really know what it is I do for a living ... You're making a lot of money, getting a lot of accolades and positive criticism ... There's no business model for this. You can't go home and say, 'You did your job today,' because I don't know what my job is!" METRO NEWS SERVICES



Jacko pleads legal ignorance

IN SELF-DEFENCE Michael Jackson is asking a judge to throw out the lawsuit his former publicist filed against him, on the grounds he was never served with legal papers, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Raymone Bain, the singer's longtime rep, is seeking $44 million US in unpaid earnings from him. She was handed a default judgment in the case after Jackson failed to respond to the complaint — but he's pleading ignorance.

In a new declaration obtained by TMZ.com, Jackson claims he had no idea Bain was trying to sue him.

Bain's papers reveal how she tried in vain to serve Jackson with the papers, but could not breach the tight ring of security that surrounds the King of Pop. Bain reveals in the lawsuit all about her former boss' "impulsive and irresponsible" habits.

She claimed, "The magnitude of his spending is legendary as he has earned and dissipated several fortunes.

"Mr. Jackson's pattern has been to spend to the brink of insolvency and then borrow against his assets to further feed his spending would give any other individual a moment of pause.

"Mr. Jackson exhibited and continues to exhibit impulsive and irresponsible spending habits without regard to the financial limits of his earnings." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jen and Bradley take it slow

NEW FLAME Jennifer Aniston is dating Bradley Cooper, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who has remained single since she split from singer John Mayer earlier this year — was spotted enjoying an intimate, late-night dinner with her He's Just Not That Into You co-star on Thursday.

A source told people.com: "It was a date. She is taking it slow. She is obviously looking for love, but is not about to rush into anything."

The two enjoyed a romantic candlelit supper at Manhattan's Il Cantinori before leaving together and climbing into the back of a waiting vehicle.

This is not the first time the pair has been romantically linked.

A few weeks ago, they reportedly spent an evening flirting with each other at a party for the 40-year-old actress' latest comedy movie Management. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gisele pregnant?

BÜN IN THE OVEN Gisele Bündchen is pregnant with Tom Brady's second child, according to People magazine.

The couple's reps have not confirmed the pregnancy, but the famous couple is known for trying to keep things quiet. The Brazilian supermodel is reportedly due early next year. Brady has another child, a son, with actress Bridget Moynahan. METRO WORLD NEWS

Ricky waffles on gay question

SNEAKY Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin has opened the door to further speculation about his sexuality, after being asked about rumours he was gay by TV Aqui magazine. The 37-year-old, who recently became a father to twins via a surrogate mother, said his "heart could belong to a woman or a man." METRO WORLD NEWS

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Ryan and LiLo hit the town

PARTY PALS Ryan Seacrest hit the town with Lindsay Lohan recently, partying at the Chateau Marmont and nightclub H.Wood before retiring to Lohan's place, where the police reportedly showed up at 3:30 a.m. because of a noise complaint, according to E! News.

The pair then moved the party to Seacrest's house at about 4 a.m., where Lohan stayed until the next morning.

But according to Seacrest's Twitter, it was all business. "Met with Lindsay last night about a show idea I have for her," he wrote. "It helps people and gives others a second shot. Still putting it all together." METRO WORLD NEWS

Madonna and child together

HAPPY ENDING Less than a week after winning custody of young Mercy James, Madonna and her new adopted daughter were united in London this weekend, according to media reports. The child arrived early Saturday after flying from Malawi via South Africa.

According to sources, Madonna and child made their first stop at the London Kabbalah Center, accompanied by her other children, Lourdes, Rocco and David.

Ex-husband Guy Ritchie reportedly accompanied them for a ceremony before heading off with the two sons. Madonna is expected to head back to New York with her children in the next few days. METRO WORLD NEWS

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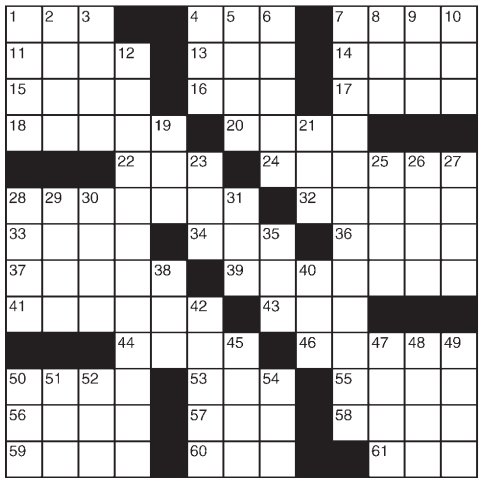

Crossword across

1 U.K. TV network
4 King (Latin)
7 9-Down, for one
11 Came to earth
13 Corroded
14 "— Lang Syne"
15 Assess
16 Chatter
17 Note from the boss
18 Rosemary's partner?
20 Bound
22 Tiny legume
24 Fasteners
28 Graceful animal
32 Otherwise
33 Furniture brand
34 Reverence
36 Mischievous Norse god
37 Dynamite constituent
39 Authorize
41 Slow crawlers
43 Eg. and Syr., once
44 Ardor
46 Rosters
50 "Scat!"
53 Freedom, for short
55 Willy Wonka's creator
56 Chess piece
57 Victory sign
58 On the Mediterranean
59 "— Karenina"
60 Roulette bet
61 Explanation

Crossword down

1 Homer's imp son
2 Mediocre
3 Metropolis
4 Tatter
5 And others (Latin)
6 Three-masted sailing ship
7 Home of the Buccaneers
8 Regret
9 Shade provider
10 Tokyo's old name
12 Suburb of Phoenix
19 Conger, e.g.
21 Will Smith biopic
23 Carte intro
25 Winter forecast
26 Jab
27 Use a teaspoon
28 Traps
29 Related
30 Catherine — -Jones
31 Ram's mate
35 Ostrich-like bird
38 Bullring bravo
40 Crony
42 Spirited attack
45 Told a whopper
47 Beauty pageant ID
48 "The Cosby Show" role
49 Cabbage salad
50 Hot tub
51 — Solo
52 Possess
54 Foundation

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

8			3		2			1
		5			1			
				7			2	
4	6			2				9
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Salt and black pepper
1 lb (450 g) sliced turkey breast
2 tbsp (25 ml) red pesto sauce
4 slices Parma ham
12 large fresh sage leaves
Canola oil for greasing
8 cherry tomatoes
2 lemons

METHOD:

1. Preheat grill to high and put kettle of water on to boil.
2. Put rice into pot and add salt and 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) boiling water. Stir to separate grains, cover and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, rinse and dry sage leaves. Place turkey slices between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound with rolling pin until about 1/2 in. (1 cm) thick. Spread pesto over one side of each turkey slice, cover with slice of ham, and lay sage leaf on top, then season with pepper.
4. Roll up each piece of turkey and ham from long side. With very sharp knife, cut rolls into pieces about 1 in. (2.5 cm) long.
5. Holding each piece firmly to prevent unrolling, divide rolls among 4 skewers, carefully inserting skewers through sides.
6. Lightly oil baking tray, lay brochettes on top and broil 5–6 minutes per side, or until rolls are golden and turkey juices are no longer pink.
7. Rinse and halve cherry tomatoes and add to rice. Wash wax from lemons. Finely grate rind of one lemon over rice and mix thoroughly. Cut other lemon into wedges and set aside.
8. Spoon rice onto warmed plates, place skewers on top and pour over any pan juices. Serve garnished with lemon wedges.

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TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your mood will improve considerably today, not least because you discover that your cash flow situation is not as bad as you feared.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You can still enjoy the good things in life but as from today you will need to be a bit more aware of how much they cost you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Make your plans now and make them as big as you dare. What you begin over the next 24 hours is destined to be a huge success.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You need to stop buzzing around here, there and everywhere and take time out to evaluate some of the things you are doing in life.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Activities you take part in with friends will go extremely well today. Your energy and enthusiasm will also impress employers and other important people.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Not everyone will agree with what you intend to do over the next few weeks. But only you have the right to decide how you will use your time and energy.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will discover a new sense of direction and a new motivation over the next few days. Today's new moon will point you in the right direction. Get going.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you need monetary advice today or at any time this week you must call in an expert. Let someone else work it out for you — if they can.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Common sense or emotions? Which one do you follow? Just this once it might pay to follow your heart rather than your head.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You have been extremely active in recent weeks but now you need to go a bit easier on yourself. Think of your physical and mental health.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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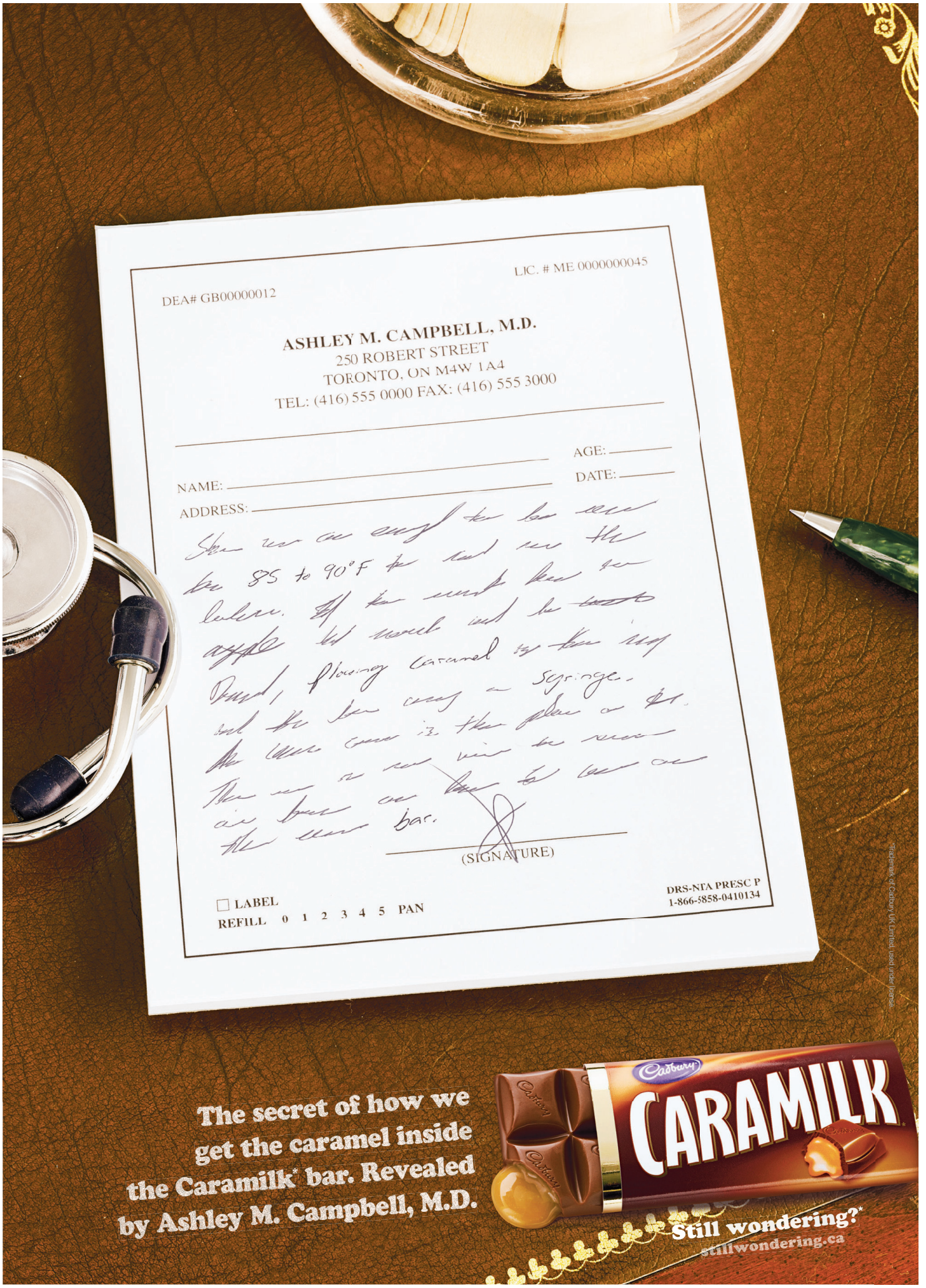
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